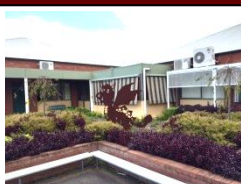


Rutherford Public School

Weekly Newsletter



Respect

At Rutherford Public School we:

- ✓ follow instructions
- ✓ have good manners
- ✓ encourage others



Responsibility

At Rutherford Public School we:

- ✓ are organised
- ✓ are always safe
- ✓ own our choices
- ✓ allow others to learn and play



Personal Best

At Rutherford Public School we:

- ✓ always strive to do quality work
- ✓ are learners
- ✓ always strive to do our best



School Calendar

Week	Day	Events:
CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS: KC		
WEEK 6	Mon 30/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rock and Roll Dancing in the hall at lunchtime 2:00pm P&C Fundraising Meeting
	Tues 31/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Science Competition Scripture Assembly
	Wed 1/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00am 5/6L & 5/6T Video Conference
	Thur 2/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00am to 11:00am P-K session 12:45pm to 2:45pm P-K session
	Fri 3/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 Excursion to Australian Reptile Park Hunter Region Cross Country at Cessnock 1:00pm Baptist Community Reading – 4/5C
Week	Day	Events:
CLASS OF THE WEEK FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS:		
WEEK 7	Mon 6/6	•
	Tues 7/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 2 Multicultural Public Speaking finals 12:15pm Pet Visit Day – ES1 & S1 4:00pm Maitland AECG Meeting at Maitland High
	Wed 8/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 3 Multicultural Public Speaking finals P&C Red Day-sausage Sizzle 12:15pm Pet Visit Day – ES1 & S1
	Thur 9/6	•
	Fri 10/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am PSSA Touch Football vs Telarah at Max McMahon Oval – Boys & Girls 1:00pm 4/5C Baptist

COMING UP:

Week 8: Zone Multicultural Public Speaking Finals, Star Struck Performances
 Week 9: School Disco
 Week 10: NAIDOC WEEK Celebrations

Important Reminders

- Parents and visitors should use the front gate between 9:30am and 2:30pm and report to the office.
- Visitors and volunteers must wear a badge to show that they have signed into the school
- Complete parent survey @ <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2NMM7H>

Kindergarten 2017- PK Program

Our Pre-Kindergarten readiness program (P-K Program) is currently underway, with over 70 eager and enthusiastic students coming along to 'big school' each Thursday. Any families who are still yet to enrol their child for Kindergarten 2017 are encouraged to visit the school and complete an enrolment application. The PK program is a free, extended transition to school programs ONLY for students who will be attending Rutherford Public School. A newsletter with some of the great things happening in the P-K Program is included with this newsletter.



Ready for Rutherford P-K Transition Program

Must be eligible to enrol at Rutherford Public School in 2017 to participate



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- School Readiness
- Literacy & Numeracy activities
- Gross/Fine Motor Skills
- Social & Emotional Development
- Craft
- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

NEW REGISTRATIONS

The next intake:
 Thursday 21st July
 (Term 3 Week 1)
 Register your child now to ensure they don't miss out!

WHERE

Community Room
 Rutherford Public School

WHEN

Thursdays
 Session 1 9:00am to 11:00am
 Session 2 12:45pm to 2:45pm

ENQUIRIES

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REGISTRATIONS

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From the Principal

Andrew Brown – Principal Rutherford Public School

Staff Professional Learning

This week the staff will complete some additional training as part of their ongoing professional learning. Our staff will look at ways we can strengthen student wellbeing practices by being more consistent as a whole school. With a large student population and many teachers, it is important that we are giving students a consistent message in how we expect them to move around the school, behave in lessons and how to treat each other with respect. The Positive Behaviour for Learning approach aims to have consistent practices in the playground and classroom. Additionally, teachers will look at how we may be more consistent in our teaching approaches. The Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) method by Hollingsworth and Ybarra (2012) will be examined, and how teachers might apply some of the teaching theories into their teaching repertoire.



Thinking while moving

Some of the teaching staff joined me at Tenambit Public School on Saturday to learn more about the 'Thinking whilst moving' program. The program aims to get children more active in their learning; in and around the classroom. With a crowded curriculum and pressure to teach so many literacy and numeracy outcomes, the program looks at ways teachers can get students up and active and integrate movement and physical activity into daily school routines. The program stressed how students should not have any more than 2 hours 'screen time' per day and that the expectation from the Department of Education is that students should complete 150 minutes of physical activity each week. Mr David McGaw (Assistant Principal) from Tenambit Public School organised the training session for staff, and presenters from The Newcastle University were on-hand to show teachers very practical ways to integrate physical activity and learning. More information about the program can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mNr_hlp3IU

Canteen Stress

I met with the canteen supervisors and the P&C executive last week to discuss ways how we may alleviate some of the "canteen stress" currently being experienced. As many of the mums and dads who have volunteered in the canteen will know, the facilities are very small and the equipment struggles to cater for the large number of orders from students. The canteen was built in 1985 when the school first opened. Whilst the P&C over the years has done an amazing job of managing the canteen, the high growth in student population makes it difficult for the canteen to cope with the daily demands. Last week the P&C executive decided to extend the hours to the paid canteen coordinators. From next week, two paid positions will now operate Monday to Friday. Position one will

run from 8:00am to 3:00pm and the second position will operate from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Despite having two canteen coordinators on each day, we will still need parent volunteers to help each day. A casual canteen relief position will also be advertised soon to cover any leave of the two positions. Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to get to know other mums and dads, and to also see your child at school. Every student loves to have their parents or carer in the canteen! Please consider seeing Mel or Kim to put your name down on the canteen roster.

Have your say: June 2016 Parent Survey

As part of our commitment to ongoing improvement, a quick parent survey has been set up to provide parents with an opportunity to provide feedback to the school executive. All parents are encouraged to complete the survey by Friday 10th June 2016.

Parents are asked to make three brief comments on:

- What are the strengths of the school?
- What areas do we need to improve?
- What areas/procedures do we need to eliminate?

The survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2NMM7H>

Thank you for your time in completing the survey.

Rock and Roll Dancing

The school has been approached by a Rock and Roll Dance Studio (Blue Suede Shoes) to provide free Rock n Roll dancing lessons to any interested students in Years 3 to 6. The lessons will run in the hall each Monday at lunchtime. If there are too many students, the senior students (Years 5 and 6) will be given priority. The lessons will be evaluated at the end of the term.

Volunteer Program

Year 6 students will have an opportunity to sign up for the Year 6 Volunteer Leader program from next week. Students in Year 6 who have consistently shown Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best, will have the opportunity to volunteer for a range of jobs around the school. The volunteer program aims to teach students the importance of "giving back" to the community. Students can volunteer for a range of activities including:

Serving in the Breakfast Club, opening and closing school gates, putting out school flags, checking for leaking bubblers, giving out "Webbies" at quad assemblies, running 'Pink Pop Up' playground games, running the hall sound system, collecting class recycling, providing peer support in the playground, coordinating the 'tidy classroom award', coordinating the weekly 'uniform award', coordinating the COLA Microphone and Sound, running the weekly Thursday lunchtime radio station, helping with Sport and Playground Equipment, and keeping the Sports Shed tidy and organised.

Year 6 leaders will wear pink vests to show that they are volunteering and undertaking their roles.

National Reconciliation Week



OUR HISTORY,
OUR STORY,
OUR FUTURE

What is National Reconciliation Week?

Each year from 27 May to 3 June, National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. The week-long celebration is an ideal opportunity for all Australians to explore ways to join the national reconciliation effort.

When did it begin?

The Week of Prayer for Reconciliation began in 1993 and was supported by Australia's major religious groups. Three years later it evolved into National Reconciliation Week under the guidance of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (now Reconciliation Australia).

What is the significance of 27 May and 3 June?

May 27 and June 3 are important dates in Australia's history. May 27 marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum when Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The day before National Reconciliation Week, 26 May, is National Sorry Day, which was first held in Sydney in 1998 and is now commemorated nationally to remember and honour the Stolen Generations.

June 3 marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title - the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights over their lands did survive British colonisation. 2012 marked the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision and the 45th anniversary of the 1967 referendum.

What does 'reconciliation' mean in the context of National Reconciliation Week?

Reconciliation involves building positive, respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

peoples and other Australians; enabling us to work together to close the gaps, and to achieve a shared sense of fairness and justice. The ultimate goal of reconciliation is to build strong and trusting relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians, as a foundation for success and to enhance our national wellbeing.

Closing the Gap describes the actions that schools, governments, businesses and the community can take to help achieve equality of life expectancy, education and employment for all Australians.

Why is National Reconciliation Week important?

National Reconciliation Week is an ideal time for organisations, schools, universities and workplaces to join the reconciliation conversation. It is a chance to work towards the goal of building respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians, and to create a fair and equal society.

Who organises National Reconciliation Week?

National Reconciliation Week is organised by Reconciliation Australia; an independent, not-for-profit organisation established in 2000. It is the national organisation responsible for building and promoting reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians.

Reconciliation Australia also works with state reconciliation councils in New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia to organise local events and activities for National Reconciliation Week.



From the Junior School

Debbie Ross – Deputy Principal, Head of Junior School

PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES

It is great to see so many children enjoying the activities at lunch and afternoon tea. We have new soft balls on order to ensure there are plenty of resources for the children. Many students are learning to skip and are becoming skilled in this area. We have big plans for the K-2 playground and we look forward to building engaging spaces for children.



LITTLE CARS

In the play area we have a couple of spaces where plants have not survived. We would like to use these spaces for children to play with matchbox cars. We are asking for donations of old, little cars, such as Matchbox cars or Hot Wheels cars, for this area. Please ensure that your child understands that these toys will belong to the school for all to share. Special cars that children have would be best not brought to school.



KINDER AFL

Below are some pictures of our recent Kindergarten AFL program.



From the Senior School

Tim Beaven - Deputy Principal Head of Senior School

Five weeks of the term have been and gone already. Teachers are busy working on reports and students are busy learning new content. With the five week milestone passing by, we enter a brief period of reflection on all the wonderful things the students, teachers and community members of Rutherford Public School have achieved, and also a period of optimism of all the great achievements still ahead. Our newsletter is full of many extra opportunities the students of Rutherford Public School undertake so we can all share and celebrate in their combined successes, but I also wish to note that the achievements of every student day to day is also worthy of celebration. Like me, all primary teachers are very proud of all of our students and the progress they have made, and will continue to make, in the 2016 school year.



CLASS OF THE WEEK: 4/5C

Students of 4/5C, under the supervision and guidance of Mr Taylor, have been visiting the Maitland Baptist Preschool once a week, as part of a community outreach reading program. Students in 4/5C model reading strategies and develop a love of reading for the youth of the Rutherford area. Well done to Mr Taylor and the boys and girls of 4/5C that give up their time to assist others.

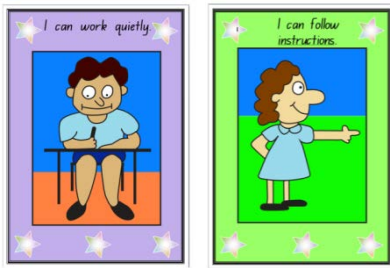


YouTube CHANNEL

Last week and most of this week, I will be working with the School Leaders on creating a Rutherford Public School YouTube channel, where a weekly 'What's On' news item will be uploaded for all students to view at school and/or at home. This idea has come about as another way we can continue to enhance our communication of the many programs, events and activities we offer at our school for the students and wider community.

This week in PBL

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



THIS WEEK'S PBL FOCUS IS:

I can work quietly

PBL TOKENS

Students can now collect 10 Webland Tokens (Webbies) and trade them in for a special ice block from the canteen. Students can also visit the "Win Bin" on Fridays to trade 10 Webbies for small rewards and prizes. This aims to encourage students to follow our three core values and 5 Webland Ways.

From the vault..... Infants Quad Area 1986



From the Office

EFTPOS

Our new EFTPOS machine has been delivered, and is fully operational!

Below is a reminder of the guidelines for paying by EFTPOS:

- EFTPOS operational times are 8:00am until 12:00pm
- No over the phone, fax or email transactions will be accepted
- No P&C transactions (hats, shorts, socks, stockings, fete, etc)
- No cash refunds or withdrawals
- Minimum transaction amount of \$10.00
- Card must be presented

Our EFTPOS machine and accounting software is sometimes unavailable. We apologise for this inconvenience, and hope you understand it is beyond our control.

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

We would like to remind parents that all payments sent to the school office need to have your child's name, class and what the payment is for, clearly marked on the front of the envelope or clip-lock bag.

HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED?

All parents are asked to keep the office informed of any changes to family contact details to ensure we can contact families in times of emergency. Please drop into the office if you have changed your phone number, address or emergency contact details.

Alternatively parents can phone or email the school their updated information. Thank you for keeping our students safe!

Weekly Events:

Assemblies:			
Stage 2	1:10pm	Wednesday	School Hall
Stage 3	1:10pm	Thursday	School Hall
Kindergarten	9:15am	Friday	School Hall
Stage 1	10:45am	Friday	School Hall

Second Hand Uniform Stall

Monday 2:30pm to 3:00pm
P&C Shed behind the hall

School Band

Wednesday 8:30am
Computer Room

P-K Program

Thursday 9:00am to 11:00am Session 1
Thursday 12:45pm to 2:45pm Session 2

Upcoming Excursions

STAGE 1 EXCURSION TO THE AUSTRALIAN REPTILE PARK

Classes S1, 1B, 1G, 1H, 1R, 1V, 2B, 2D, 2F, 2K and 2W are planning to visit the Australian Reptile Park as part of our "Environments/Australian Animals" COGS Unit this **Friday 3rd June 2016**.

Please ensure you finalise your payment of \$26 by this Wednesday 1st June, and return permission notes to your child's classroom teacher.

We will be leaving school at **8:30am sharp** and returning by 3:00pm. Please ensure your child is at school by 8:20am, as we need to be ready to leave on time, or will miss our first session at the Reptile Park.

Children are to wear school uniform, including a **school hat** and comfortable shoes. Food for lunch, recess and drinks should be taken to cover the whole day. Please place your child's food in a clearly-labelled plastic bag. **There will be NO access to food.**

General School Information

PREMIERS DEBATING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our two debating teams, "Rutherford Dragons and Rutherford Shields", who competed in the first round of this year's Premiers Debating Challenge last week. Both teams performed extremely well.

Our Rutherford Shield members Natalie Williams, Ava Jankovic, Neha Thomas and Dylan Rawson debated really well but went down narrowly to Bolwarra Public School. Our Rutherford Dragon members, Eddie Thomas, Pippa Drummond, Sharee Blackwell and Dulara Perera also performed well with a narrow victory over Telarah Public School. Well done to both teams and we wish you the best of luck for your next challenge.

Rachel Highet and Justin Baxter, Debating Coordinators

UNIFORM

The 'winter chills' have certainly blown into Rutherford over the weekend. Please ensure your child is in **FULL** school uniform each day. Parents or carers who require assistance with meeting the uniform expectations should see the Deputy Principals for assistance.

An email from Jenni Bowen (Lowe's Uniform Consultant):

With the renovations at Greenhills Shopping Centre, we are forced to close our Greenhills store. To accommodate the schools that we service in that store, we are opening a dedicated Schoolwear store in the Maitland Mall – just a couple of doors up from the current location. We are moving the Schoolwear from our Maitland Menswear shop down the road to the new shop. It won't change or impact parents of Rutherford Public School, other than a couple of days while we move, but there is a sale to look forward to! As always, parents can still purchase online! - Jenni Bowen

YEAR 6 FAREWELL FUNDRAISING 'CHRISTMAS IN JULY' TOY RAFFLE

Year 6 will be holding several fundraising events between now and the Year 6 Farewell. The Farewell will be held in December this year. All funds raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and the purchase of a gift for the school.

We have some great ideas and are keen to get our fundraising efforts started. Our first fundraising activity will be a **toy raffle** to be drawn on **Friday 29th July 2016** (Term 3 Week 2).

We are asking parents/carers of Year 6 students (only) to donate prizes for the raffle. Raffle prizes should be **new** and could include: board games, sporting equipment, cars, trucks, dolls, colouring-in books, pencils/textas, teddy bears, baby toys, Lego, card games, dress-up items, figurines, jigsaws, play dough, pool accessories, etc.

All donations will be gratefully appreciated.

Raffle items should be handed to Miss Jackson by **Friday 17th June**.

Tickets will be sent home with Year 6 students on Monday 20th June, 2016.

TARONGA ZOO SCHOOLS BANNER COMPETITION

Taronga Zoo are running a banner competition to commemorate NAIDOC. The winning banner will be displayed at Taronga Zoo during the month of July. Its creator will also receive a free Animals of the Dreaming ZooMobile visit for their class.

Students are to see Miss Tsang for an entry form if they wish to participate. Entries must be returned to Miss Tsang by Thursday 9th June so they can be sent away.

Entries must be completed on the provided A3-sized entry template in portrait orientation. No writing is to appear on the artwork. The entrant must also complete the details section of the entry template, including student's first name, year, school and 75 words or less describing the significance of their artwork.

Jackie Tsang, Organiser

BUS TRAVEL



We have been informed by the bus companies that inspectors will be on buses over the coming weeks, checking that ALL students who travel on the bus to and from school have a valid Opal card. Students who do not have a card will be expected to pay the \$1.20 fee. Students who do not have a card or money may be refused entry onto the bus.

A reminder that opal cards are available from the Student Transport Website:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/>

Sport

Wade Cochrane, PD/H/PE Coordinator

WELL DONE PATRICK

Congratulations to Patrick Watt who has made the final cut for a position in the Hunter Region Rugby Union team.

Patrick travelled to Cardiff last week and competed against some of the best Rugby Union players from across the entire Hunter Region. He now has a final trial on Wednesday next week again at Cardiff to secure his position and then trial for a place in the NSW team in Mudgee.

Patrick started playing Rugby Union at the age of seven for the Maitland Blacks. Patrick will also soon travel to Camden for the State Championships. Congratulations and good luck for the upcoming games, Patrick!



UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS:

3rd June Hunter Region Cross Country (Cessnock)

Good luck to all competitors. Do yourself, your family and your school proud!

Parents and Citizens News

PIE DRIVE ORDER FORMS

The P&C's main fundraiser for Term 2 is a Thompson's Pie Drive. Order forms were sent home last week.

Orders and payment must be received by **Friday 17th June 2016**. Pick up from the hall will be on **Wednesday 29th June 2016**.

Money raised from the Pie Drive will go towards providing additional new and exciting playground equipment!

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th June 2016, beginning at 6:30pm in the staffroom.

All parents and friends are welcome to join us.

SCHOOL DISCO

Our next School Disco will be held on Tuesday 21st June, 2016.

This disco is for all students of Rutherford Public School. Students must be accompanied to the school hall by an adult and collected by an adult at the conclusion of each session. Please **DO NOT** drop your child at the front of the school and allow your child to walk into the school grounds.

Please no sandals or thongs!

Disco Times:

Date: Tuesday 21st June 2016

Times: K-2 5:30pm to 6:30pm

3-6 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Entry: \$2

Canteen: Open for Snacks - Drinks, ice cream and treats

CAKE DAY



Thank you so much to everyone for a successful Cake Day! The P&C raised \$475 that will go towards purchasing additional playground equipment for the school.

Thank you to the parents of classes KC, KB, 1G, 1V, 5D, 2F, 2K and 4/5C for making our yummy treats, to the teachers for bringing the classes down, and to the volunteers and staff both at the stall and in canteen who helped serve our hungry kids!

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From the Canteen

CLASS HOSTING

This week's class hosting for the canteen is KB. We look forward to seeing any available parents from KB volunteering in the canteen this week.

Next week's class will be KC. Please be sure to let the canteen know if you are able to spare some time in the canteen.

CANTEEN WINTER MENU

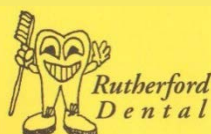
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CANTEEN ROSTER		
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 6
Monday	30/5	J LINTOTT, D JONES, N VASSALLO
Tuesday	31/5	D FORTH
Wednesday	1/6	H BARRETT
Thursday	2/6	
Friday	3/6	M TAYLOR, L THOMPSON
Day	Date	Term 2, Week 7
Monday	6/6	J LINTOTT, D JONES, M RUDDER, L BARTLETT
Tuesday	7/6	D FORTH, A HART
Wednesday	8/6	H BARRETT, A HART
Thursday	9/6	L MORTIMER
Friday	10/6	T BARTLETT

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Ready for Rutherford Newsletter



P to K so far...



Our new kindergarten students have continued to surprise us with their readiness and commitment to learning. Over the coming weeks we will continue to develop the student's pencil grip (don't forget to collect your 'pencil hold rap' and practise at home).

We have continued to read all about our special bear and this week we will find out why he is a noisy bear (handmade instruments will be coming home to entertain you).

Kindergarten are developing their gross motor skills further by hopping on the snakes and by climbing, sliding and hanging on the school equipment. This week we will work on balancing.

Last week saw our friends from the high school join us for the first time. Like last year, students from Rutherford Technology High studying child studies will join for the remainder of the Ready for Rutherford program and help out in the classroom. We love having extra helpers in the room and in turn the high school students learn valuable skills that will help them progress through their child studies subject.

